The question of the pakuthies transferred from the Thonnakkal Sub-registry office is one that is giving the Director of Registration considerable trouble. But he is looking into the question and if he is able to find a solution that is acceptable to the people of both places, he will adopt it.

In regard to the Second Class Magistrate's Court at Kazhakkuttam, the District Magistrate is of opinion that there is no necessity for one. However, I will have the matter re-examined, and if it is found to be necessary, of course, it will be given.

75. Needs of the Chirayinkil taluk.

MR. KANDA KURUP KALI KURUP (*Member, Chirayinkil taluk, Group I*) said that among the needs of the Chirayinkil taluk, those in respect of agriculture deserved special consideration. Agriculture in the taluk suffered badly for want of proper water-supply. This was not because there were no rivers in the taluk, but because the water in the rivers could not be lifted to the fields which were on a higher level than the river-bed. It was not uncommon to see the river full of water, while the fields above were dry and parched up. The people did not know how to lift the river-water to the fields. The member would suggest that the officers of the Land Revenue, Agricultural and Public Works Departments, while touring the taluk, should meet the people and tell them how they could overcome this difficulty. Lands fit for paddy cultivation lying in reserved forests might also be released from the reserves and assigned for cultivation, the tax thereon being remitted for the first few years as a further inducement to the cultivators. It would be very useful to obtain monthly returns of lands so assigned from the officers concerned.

The Mamom river should be rendered more useful for purposes of irrigation. The vast extent of paddy fields in the Koonthallur, Kizhvallam and Edakode pakuthies depended upon this river for their water-supply. From very olden days several embankments and sluices were constructed in the river for this purpose. But many of these embankments collapsed in the great flood of 1058, particularly those at Kavanasseri and Karakamoola. The people of the locality were ever since praying for the reconstruction of these embankments. After some time they themselves rebuilt the Kavanasseri embankment in a way and used it. The Public Works Department took up the question some time back, the place was inspected and an estimate was prepared. But the work was not yet taken in hand. It should be treated as an "urgent" work and started at once.

So far as the Karakamoola embankment was concerned, it would be enough if a lock was constructed at the Chittattinkara embankment. The canal from there to Karakamoola should also be improved.

Funds were being provided every year in the P. W. D. Budget for the maintenance of the banks of the Mamom river. But no

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maintenance works were actually being done. Nor could the public know how the allotment was being spent. Government should investigate the matter.

A few bridges should be constructed on the Mamom river and also a bridge on the Azhur-Perumathura road and another on the Nagarur-Vamanapuram road.

The Public Works Department had removed a large quantity of earth from the paddy fields near the place called Kuzhiyanmoola about three furlongs from Kavanasseri. These paddy fields had thus become entirely useless for cultivation. The department had also closed up a sluice which was in existence at this place and opened another on the bank of the paddy field in S. No. 2410, which in consequence became unfit for cultivation. Such interferences with the rights of private owners should be made only after consulting them and the local public.

The foot-path from about the 1st mile of the Attingal-Chirayinkil road to the M. C. road had been closed by someone. It should be opened again and converted into a public road.

A First Class Magistrate's court should be established at Attingal. The Tahsildar, Chirayinkil, might be invested with a First Class Magistrate's powers.

A canal should be opened so as to benefit the Puravu *Elai* covering about 100 acres in the Koonthallur pakuthi.

The tanks and *chiras* in the Chirayinkil taluk which had become unfit for irrigation should be restored.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Kanda Kurp Kali Kurup, in regard to the difficulties of the people round about the Mamom river in lifting water for irrigation, the Director of Agriculture has promised to go there with a demonstration pump to show the people how water may be lifted. The question of bridges will also be considered.

As regards the investing of the Tahsildar, Chirayinkil, with First Class powers, the Land Revenue Commissioner was against Tahsildars being invested with magisterial functions while the Assembly was for investing Tahsildars with magisterial powers. Anyhow the matter will be considered.

In regard to communications, Chirayinkil taluk has 115 miles of road already opened, 2 miles are nearing completion and 6 miles more have been sanctioned for this year.

76. Needs of Chirayinkil.

MR. P. K. RAGHAVAN PILLAI (*Member, Chirayinkil taluk, Group II*) dealt with the following needs of the Chirayinkil taluk :—

The Pallikal-Velinalloor road should be converted into a cartable road. In reply to a representation on the subject made at the 22nd session of the Assembly, it was stated that an estimate was being prepared ; but nothing was done after that.

The road from the Varkala-Kallampalam road, 6th mile 2nd furlong, to the Varkala-Paripalli road, 3rd mile 2nd furlong, should be made

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